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SUBJ: RANKING OFFICERS CONFIRM ONLY ONE PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE IN 1981

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1. IN SEPARATE BUT PARALLEL DECLARATIONS TO PRESS
FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE DAY CEREMONIES AUGUST 25, ARMY GENERAL
GREGORIO ALVAREZ AND NAVY CINC VICE-ADMIRAL HUGO MARQUEZ
STATED THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
IN 1981 ELECTIONS (SEE REF A), AND THAT URUGUAY WILL NOT
RETURN TO FULL INSTITUTIONAL NORMALCY UNTIL 1986. CANDIDATE
IN 1981 WILL BE CHOSEN BY TWO TRADITIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES
WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MILITARY; IN 1986, BOTH TRADITIONAL
PARTIES (COLORADO AND BLANCO) WILL BE ABLE TO FIELD CANDIDATES.
PERIOD FROM PRESENT UNTIL 1980 WAS AGAIN DEFINED AS ONE OF
"DEVELOPMENT" WITH POLITICAL ACTIVITY RESUMING ONLY AFTER THAT
DATE. UNCERTAINTY REGARDING TIMING OF NEW CONSTITUTION WAS
LEFT UNRESOLVED.

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2. COMMENT: ONE CANDIDATE-LIMITATION FOR 1981 ELECTIONS IS NOT
NEW DEVELOPMENT, BUT RATHER RECONFIRMATION OF FRAMEWORK ANNOUNCED
IN OCTOBER 1976 PRESS CONFERENCE BY ARMY CINC VADORA (REF B).
IN ANY EVENT, IT REPRESENTS A HALF-STEP BACKWARDS FROM AUGUST 9
ANNOUNCEMENT (REF A) WHICH GAVE IMPRESSION THAT 1981 CONTEST
WOULD BE LESS STRUCTURED THAN ANTICIPATED.

3. AT THIS EARLY STAGE, WE DOUBT THAT THE MILITARY HAVE WORKED OUT IN DETAIL THE PROGRAM AND PROCEDURES THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED IN THE PERIOD 1980-81 AND MORE IMPORTANTLY IN THE PERIOD LEADING TO THE BROADER ELECTIONS IN 1986. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE MILITARY WILL AGONIZE FURTHER AS THEY SEEK TO BALANCE THIS SMALL OPENING AGAINST THEIR FIRM DETERMINATION THAT THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND STRUCTURE NOT PARALLEL THAT WHICH EXISTED IN 1971-72. WHAT WE CAN EXPECT IN THE COMING MONTHS ARE FURTHER INSTITUTIONAL ACTS LAYING THE BASIS FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION WHICH WILL MOST LIKELY STRENGTHEN THE POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND LIMIT THAT OF THE OTHER TWO BRANCHES. THE SLOWNESS OF THE PROCESS AND THE INCONSISTENCIES THAT WILL APPEAR FROM TIME TO TIME PROBABLY WILL BE NEGATIVE RATHER THAN POSITIVE FOR URUGUAY'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.
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